

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for providing definitions, comprising:

a server receiving a phrase to be defined, determining a plurality of ~~one or more~~ documents each containing at least one definition, and matching the phrase to at least one of the definitions from the plurality of documents; and

a user interface presenting one or more definitions, determined based on the matching, for the phrase.

2. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein ~~receiving the phrase to be defined, determining one or more~~ the plurality of documents each containing at least one definition is performed prior to the receiving of the phrase , ~~matching the phrase to at least one of the definitions, and presenting one or more definitions for the phrase are performed substantially in real time, batch mode, or a combination thereof.~~

3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the documents are Web pages.

4. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the determining includes performing a search based on a search query that includes a predetermined term indicative of a presence of definitions ~~conducting a query on a search engine.~~

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6. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 4 [[5]], wherein the predetermined term includes one of [[a]] glossary, definition, [[and]] or dictionary.

7. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 4 [[5]], wherein the determining includes performing the search on ~~predetermined field~~ is a title field of the plurality of documents.

8. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the matching includes determining a [[the]] presence of the phrase in ~~one or more~~ the plurality of determined documents.

9. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 8, wherein the matching includes determining [[the]] an absence of the phrase in the plurality of ~~one or more~~ determined documents.

10. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein determining the presence of the phrase further includes determining an exact match of the phrase.

11. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the matching comprises modifying the phrase.

12. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11 ~~[[8]]~~, wherein modifying the phrase comprises determining a canonical form of the phrase.
13. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the matching further comprises retrieving an associated definition of the phrase.
14. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein presenting one or more definitions includes ranking the definitions.
15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 14, wherein the ranking is based at least in part on the plurality of documents.
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17. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the presenting further includes processing the definitions.
18. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the presenting one or more definitions for the phrase includes presenting a substantially most common capitalization of the phrase.
19. (Original) The system of claim 18, further comprising presenting less common forms of the phrase.

20. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising determining superstrings of the phrase present in the plurality of documents.

21. (Original) The system of claim 20, further comprising presenting at least some of the determined superstrings.

22. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 21, wherein at least one of the presented superstrings is presented as one of a related phrase ~~[[and]]~~ or a suggested query.

23. (Currently Amended) A method for providing definitions, comprising:
receiving a phrase to be defined;
determining ~~one or more~~ a plurality of documents each containing at least one definition;
matching the phrase to at least one of the definitions from the plurality of documents; and
presenting one or more definitions, determined based on the matching, for the phrase.

24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23, wherein ~~receiving the phrase to be defined~~, determining the plurality of ~~one or more~~ documents each containing at least one definition is performed prior to receiving of the phrase, ~~matching the phrase to~~

~~at least one of the definitions, and presenting one or more definitions for the phrase are performed substantially in real time, batch mode, or a combination thereof.~~

25. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein the documents are Web pages.

26. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23, wherein the determining includes performing a search based on a search query that includes a predetermined term indicative of a presence of definitions ~~conducting a query on a search engine.~~

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28. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23 ~~[[27]]~~, wherein the predetermined term includes one of ~~[[a]]~~ glossary, definition, ~~[[and]]~~ or dictionary.

29. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23 ~~[[27]]~~, wherein the determining includes performing the search on predetermined field ~~is a title field of the plurality of documents.~~

30. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23, wherein the matching includes determining a ~~[[the]]~~ presence of the phrase in the plurality of ~~one or more~~ determined documents.

31. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 30, wherein the matching includes determining [[the]] an absence of the phrase in the plurality of ~~one or more~~ determined documents.

32. (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein determining the presence of the phrase further includes determining an exact match of the phrase.

33. (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein the matching comprises modifying the phrase.

34. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[30]] 33, wherein modifying the phrase comprises determining a canonical form of the phrase.

35. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein the matching further comprises retrieving an associated definition of the phrase.

36. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein presenting one or more definitions includes ranking the definitions.

37. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 36, wherein the ranking is based at least in part on the plurality of documents.

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39. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein the presenting further includes processing the definitions.

40. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23, wherein the presenting one or more definitions for the phrase includes presenting a substantially most common capitalization of the phrase.

41. (Original) The method of claim 40, further comprising presenting less common forms of the phrase.

42. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23, further comprising determining superstrings of the phrase present in the plurality of the documents.

43. (Original) The method of claim 42, further comprising presenting at least some of the determined superstrings.

44. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 43, wherein at least one of the presented superstrings is presented as one of a related phrase [[and]] or a suggested query.

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46. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for providing definitions, comprising:
means for receiving a phrase to be defined;
means for determining a plurality of one or more documents each containing at least one definition;
means for matching the phrase to at least one of the definitions; and
means for presenting one or more definitions, determined based on a result of the means for matching, for the phrase.

47. (Currently Amended) A system for determining definitions from distributed information stores, comprising:

a search engine identifying a plurality of one or more documents based on a search query including terms indicative of a presence of definitions, ~~which is each maintained in a distributed information store and contains a definition for an associated phrase~~, and storing information regarding each identified document; and

a search front end matching a phrase for which a definition is sought against the stored information for each identified document, fetching each identified document ~~from the distributed information store~~ and returning one or more matching definitions, and presenting each matching definition ~~definitions~~.

48. (Original) A system according to Claim 47, further comprising:

a repository storing the information for a subset of the identified documents.

49. (Currently Amended) A system according to Claim 47, ~~further comprising:~~

~~a query engine conducting a query for the phrase for which a definition is sought, comprising at least one of searching for at least one of terms, phrases, variants, and canonicalizations indicating a presence of a definition, searching for text or fields within a document indicating a presence of a definition, and searching wherein the search engine searches a structure of a document the plurality of documents for indications of indicating a presence of a definition.~~

50. (Original) A system according to Claim 47, further comprising:

a parser parsing the identified documents to identify occurrences of the phrase for which a definition is sought.

51. (Currently Amended) A system according to Claim 47, further comprising:

a processor processing the matching definitions, comprising at least one of:

a filter limiting the matching definitions to substantially matching definitions;

[[and]] or

a definitions module providing at least one of a superstring, common variants, and common forms of the phrase for which a definition is sought.

52. (Currently Amended) A system according to Claim 47, wherein the matching definitions comprise at least one of matching terms and phrases, related terms and phrases, [[and]] or random and eclectic terms and phrases.

53. (Currently Amended) A method for determining definitions from distributed information stores, comprising:

identifying a plurality of one or more documents based on a search query including terms indicative of a presence of definitions, ~~which is each maintained in a distributed information store and contains a definition for an associated phrase, and~~

storing information regarding each identified document;

matching a phrase for which a definition is sought against the stored information for each identified document;

fetching each identified document from ~~[[the]]~~ a distributed information store and returning one or more matching definitions; and

presenting each matching definition ~~definitions~~.

54. (Original) A method according to Claim 53, further comprising:

storing the information for a subset of the identified documents.

55. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 53, further comprising:

~~conducting a query for the phrase for which a definition is sought, comprising at least one of:~~

~~searching for at least one of terms, phrases, variants, and canonicalizations indicating a presence of a definition;~~

~~searching for text or fields within a document indicating a presence of a definition; and~~

searching the plurality of documents for one or more structures indicative of a structure of a document indicating a presence of a definition.

56. (Original) A method according to Claim 53, further comprising:
parsing the identified documents to identify occurrences of the phrase for which a definition is sought.

57. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 53, further comprising:
processing the matching definitions, comprising ~~at least one of~~:
limiting the matching definitions to substantially matching definitions; ~~[[and]]~~ or
providing at least one of a superstring, common variants, and common forms of
the phrase for which a definition is sought.

58. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 53, wherein the
matching definitions comprise at least one of matching terms and phrases, related terms
and phrases, ~~[[and]]~~ or random and eclectic terms and phrases.

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60. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for determining definitions from
distributed information stores, comprising:
means for identifying a plurality of documents based on a search query including
terms indicative of a presence of definitions ~~one or more documents, which is each~~

~~maintained in a distributed information store and contains a definition for an associated phrase, and~~

means for storing information regarding each identified document;

means for matching a phrase for which a definition is sought against the stored information for each identified document;

means for fetching each identified document from the distributed information store and means for returning one or more matching definitions; and

means for presenting each matching definition ~~definitions~~.